MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : Is that an inviolable rule or is it found violated ?

PRESIDENT : That is going too far from the scope of the question.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : My point is.....

PRESIDENT : Accept my ruling. Please do not argue.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : I do not pursue the question. My difficulty is this. From the answer it would be seen that even though there may be applicants with better qualifications outside a particular District those applicants will not at all be considered when there are available hands with less qualifications from that particular District. It will be very very dangerous if the Government show such partiality.

PRESIDENT : Mr. Krishna Pillai, you must not make a speech.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : I am not making a speech. I want to get information whether applicants from a particular District alone could get places in that District.

PRESIDENT : That has been answered.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : That has not been answered, Sir.

PRESIDENT : Don't talk to me like that.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : I bow down to the ruling from the Chair.

Reports about floods.

34. **MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there are any instructions issued by the authorities concerned under which the Division Officers of the Public Works Department are obliged to submit reports about floods in their respective Divisions ;

(*b*) if so, whether the Division Officer, Kottayam, has done so in respect of the last floods ; and

(*c*) if not, why ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) This does not arise.

Maintenance of the Northern Outlet road, Devicolam.

35. **MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any orders have been passed recently by them to the effect that amounts not less than Rs. 5,000 should be spent every year on the maintenance of the Northern Outlet road, Devicolam ; and

(*b*) if so, the particular reason why such orders were passed ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The dangerous condition of this road on account of its narrowness and many bad curves necessitated such a provision for its improvement.

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